



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

Non-pupil Day

Friday 19 November 2021

Autumn Term ends

Friday 17 December 2021

Christmas Break

Monday 20 December 2021 - Tuesday 4

January 2022

Spring Term starts

Wednesday 5 January 2022

Upcoming Events this November

Tuesday 9 November

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 8 November

- Tuesday 9 November - Year 11 Photography Practical Mock Exam Day 1
- Wednesday 10 November - Year 11 Photography Practical Mock Exam Day 2
- Thursday 11 November - Remembrance Day 2021

Face Covering Recommendations

Please ensure your child has their face mask for school each day (unless exempt). Students are also advised to carry a spare mask in case they misplace their original during the school day, or leave one in their blazer on a day that they have PE. We hold an emergency supply of face masks and would appreciate your support in this matter to ensure our supply is not depleted. Face coverings are also highly recommended for children who

Year 11 Photography Practical Mock
Exam Day 1

Wednesday 10 November

Year 11 Photography Practical Mock
Exam Day 2

Thursday 11 November

Remembrance Day 2021

Wednesday 17 November

Year 11 Art Practical Mock Exam Day 1

Thursday 18 November

Year 11 Art Practical Mock Exam Day 2

Thursday 18 November

School Nurse student drop-in service in
G6, 1-2pm

Thursday 18 November

Rescheduled Hip Hop Workshop, 1:30-
3pm (TBC)

Friday 19 November

Non-pupil Day

Monday 22 November

Year 11 GCSE Written Mock Exams
commence

Thursday 25 November

Whole school Influenza immunisation
session (all year groups), all day event

travel to and from school in close proximity to fellow students - Thank you.

Non-pupil Day

We would like to remind our parents/carers and students that we have a non-pupil day this month, Friday 19 November.

Written Exams Summer 2022

16 May 2022 – 27 June 2022 The JCQ designated national exam contingency day for 2022 is 29 June 2022 and candidates must ensure that they are available to sit exams up to and including this date, should the need arise. Candidates and their parents/carers are advised not to book holidays to commence until after 29 June 2022.

Student Bus Passes

Bus companies will continue to do spot pass checks. Please ensure your child has their correct pass each day for travel. If your child does not hold a valid pass or has since lost the pass, please contact *Suffolk On Board: 0345 606 6067* or *Essex County Council: 0345 603 2200*. Please note that we cannot issue temporary bus passes without authorisation from these councils - thank you.

Xello Careers Website

We have recently upgraded our Careers package to allow parents/carers to login and support their child when making decisions about Year 9 options or looking at post-16 opportunities. Please would you email

keady@stourvalley.org by **Friday 12 November** if you **DO NOT** wish your email address to be passed onto Xello to allow them to create your parent/carer account. For your information, the link to the Xello website is: https://help.xello.co.uk/en-gb/Content/Get-Started/Xello-Families/GS_Families.htm

Year 11 GCSE History Topic Itinerary

For our Year 11 parents and carers we provide the GCSE History topic itinerary for this half of the Autumn Term, commencing from Tuesday 2 November: https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Year_11_GCSE_History_Topics_Autumn_Half_Term_2_November.pdf

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

Please view the following Year 11 GCSE Mock Exam timetable for your information, this is also displayed to students via the daily Student Bulletin: https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Year_11_GCSE_Mock_Examination_Timetable.pdf

Year 11 Mock Exam Support

Year 11 have all received the mock exam timetable and with this in mind here is some advice for supporting them through this time: <https://charliewaller.org/media/mwvfpddi/parent-guide-gcses-08-2020.pdf>

Autumn Extra-curricular Activities

Please view the following link to see a complete list of extra-curricular activities at SVCS this Autumn:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/extra-curricular-activities>

School Nurse Drop-in Service

The next school nurse drop-in service will be available to our students during lunchtime on Thursday 18 November in G6 (textiles room). The Nurse will also be with us on Monday 6 December. We will update you with further session dates in the Spring Term.

Kooth Resources

Kooth is designed to support the wellbeing and resilience of young people and is available for 11-25 year olds in Suffolk. Kooth is running free online parent/carer information sessions - designed to help you understand how Kooth can support your child with their mental health and wellbeing, please view the following parent/carer information letter for further details:

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Parent_Carer_Information_Sessions_-_Sept_to_Dec_2021.docx.pdf

Discover everything Kooth has to offer including free online counselling support for young people:

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/September_Back_to_school.pdf

2021/22 Post-16, College & Sixth Form Events

Suffolk One

Open Event - Wednesday 10 November, 5-8pm

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Suffolk_One_Open_Events_1.pdf

Abbeygate Sixth Form College

Open event - Saturday 15 January 2022, 9am-2pm

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Abbeygate_Open_Events_1.pdf

West Suffolk College

Open Events - Saturday 6 November 9:30am-12:30pm and Thursday 25 November, 5:30-7:30pm

Thomas Gainsborough Sixth Form

Open Evening Event - Wednesday 10 November, 6-8pm

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/open-evening>

This section will be updated regularly as we receive event information and dates from colleges and sixth forms.

Year 11 NCS Assembly

We are pleased to confirm that NCS (National Citizen Service) have scheduled an assembly with our Year 11 students on Monday 31 January 2022 during afternoon tutor time, 1:40-2pm <https://wearencs.com/>

Food Technology Take Home Containers

We would like to remind all year groups to always bring their take home containers for Food Technology lessons involving cooking projects. Any donations of sweet/confectionary tubs would also be gratefully received by the department for student use, as well as being a great way to recycle, thank you.

Important Letters & Notices

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC_Communication_regarding_vaccinations_for_12_to_15_year_olds.pdf - Suffolk County Council Covid-19 vaccinations ages 12-15

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC_Parental_communication_enhanced_control_measures_October_2021.pdf - Suffolk County Council Covid-19 enhanced control measures

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/GCSE_Technology_Letter_24.09.21.pdf - GCSE Technology Letter 2021-22

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Sports_Clubs_are_Back_2021.pdf - Sports Clubs at SVCS

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Key_Stage_3_Design_Technology_2021-2022.pdf - Key Stage 3 Design Technology 2021-22

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/GCSE_Food_Preparation_and_Nutrition_2021_2022.pdf - GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition 2021-22

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Covid_Contingency_Plan_2021-22.pdf - Covid Contingency Plan 2021-22

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Remote_Learning_2021-22.docx - Remote Learning Plan 2021-22

safe@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/sims_parent_app_guide.pdf - SIMS Parent App Guide

